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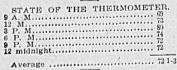
RICHMOND, VA., THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8, 1903.

#### SUMMARY OF DAY'S NEWS

THE WEATHER.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Oct. 7.—Forecast for Thursday and Friday: Virginia and North Carolina—Cooler Thursday, with showers, followed by fair, fresh south, shifting to west winds; Friday fair.

The mercury yesterday elimbed up to at 3 o'clock and the temperature was r a time the revorse of pleasant, if e promises of the Weather Bureau ar-rried out it will be somewhat cooler



st temperature yesterday. Hignest temperature yesterday.
Lowest temperature yesterday.
Normal temperature for month.
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Precipitation during past 24 hours....

#### RICHMOND.

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Lie passes at the meeting of the Municipal Investigation Committee—Mason. Condition of the Municipal Investigation Committee—Mason. England combined—Encouraging glatement issued by Messrs. John L. Williams & Sons and J. W. Middendorment issued by Messrs. John L. Williams and the commission—Rain of the world's most leatned women are here—Charters granted by Corporation Commission—Rain of Corporation Commission—Glater Court from decision of Corporation Commission—Glater Court from decision of Corporation Commission—Marter Management of Commission—Marter Management of Commission—Marter Howkizers inspected by Colonel Jo Lane Intern—Aged unknown man its at a minipolate—Seventh-Street Chr's time of the Commission—Seventh-Street Chr's find Candidan—Remains of General Fradiey T. Johnson are taken to Baltimore—Base-hail magnate here looking err the ground—Proposition to appoint a commission to elevate the negro—Colored Orphan Asylum in desperate strains—Meeting of the United States Courts —Venable-Street Church to be reopened, aving been extensively repaired—Sestion of Baptist Education Commission—Stuart Monument Model Committee postiones action until Saturday afternoon—Stuart Monument Model Committee postiones action until Saturday afternoon—Charter, Ordhange and Reform Commisce decides to name new ward Henry, MANCHESTER—Negro arrested on tharge of criminal assault—Arrested on tharge of taking a watch—Mr. M. F. Mercant Saunders—Marriage of Dr. Edward G. Hill to Miss Enizabeth H. Reid—Mr. Powers and Miss Beville to marry in wood and Mrs. Molile A. Cotton—Fuveral of Mr. George N. Porter—Mr. B. P. Owen appointed district deputy grand master—Officers elected by Stockton-Street Church—Dr. Cridlin better.

VIRGINIA.

Mrs. Chiswell Dabney Langhorne dies suddenly while on the way to he Horse Show in Lynchburg—the Horse Show in Lynchburg—The Crater reunion postponed to agree with Grand Camp meeting at Newport News—Several arrests in Norfolk on account of alleged lilegal registration—move of a resolution to thank Seaboard clears ortsmouth councel without adournment—Man of fifty in jail in. Norfolk for insult to a child—Merchants of Petersburg take a gloomy view of the group prospect—Republican District Concention in Alexandria nominates Dr. F. M. Brookes, of Fairfax, for the Senate—Governor Montague makes an industiate States Battery of Field Artillery dined in mess hall at the V. M. I.—Knitting in a stock—Young man in jail at Williamsburg increases its call and the sweet of the second of the se

### NORTH CAROLINA.

Sick juror hears testimony in Haywood murder case while lying on a cot—Prominent young man under arrest at Durham for breaking into a jewelry store—Southern vestibule train in collision with material train near Greensboro—Piedmont Fair at Winston-Salem opens with record breaking crowd.

Small volume of dealings on the Stock Exchange, though there was evident support for the steel shares which were offered in large quantities—Nine witnesses heard in Tilliman trial, though court was adjourned earlier than usual on account a heard in Tiliman trial, though court was adjourned earlier than usual on account of sickness of one of the jurors and desire to avoid taxing his strength nor a nor a desire to avoid taxing his avoid his his property of the taxing refer of dervia, convenes his first Parliament. Four men are killed in a wreck of the Kansas-Southern Railwight of the President is being carefully kept of the strength of the canni—Remains of General Johnson are laid to rest in his native Maryland soil with impressive ceremony—Whitney's Stalwart wins the Champagne stakes at Morris Park—Boston takes an other same in the championship series with Pittsburg National League 'oamsorter same in the championship series with Pittsburg National League 'oamsorter same in the championship series with Pittsburg National League 'oamsorter same in the Champagne shakes at Morris Park—Boston takes an other same in the championship series with Pittsburg National League 'oamsorter same in the Champagne shakes and for the company—Negro in Texas shoots into mob which purposed fleeging him, killing one man and injuring another—Union Mine Workers' officials heavily fined in Tennessee for trespassing on Coal Company's property—Striksing rag sorters in New York attack girls working in their places—Fight to depose Comptroller Grout as the fusionist candidate in New York to be made in the Board of Elections instead of in the courts.

#### KING PETER OPENS HIS PARLIAMENT

(By Associated Press.)

BELGRADE, SERVIA, Oct. 7.—King Peter opened the Parliament this morning. In the speech from the throne his Majesty dwelt upon Servia's friendly relations with all the powers, especially the neighboring States, which he intensely desired to be maintained. Referring to Macedonia, King Peter said he hoped the reforms would be carried out and peace be preserved.

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Church Hill Physicians.

The Church Hill Medical Association will meet at 8 o'clock this evening at the residence of Dr. St. J. Oppenheimer, The leader of the discussion will be Dr. B. L. Tallaferro,

# SCHWAB, NAPOLEON OF FINANCE

Got Three Prices for His Steel Plant.

### STORY AS TOLD BY D. LEROY DRESSER

Trust Company's President Makes Some Disclosures.

IMPORTANT ENVELOPE SAID TO BE MISSING

Witness Said He Had Been Given Authority to Borrow \$4,000,000 on Credit of the Trust Company. but Had No loea that the Transaction Was a

Criminal Offense-

(By Associated Press.) NEW YORK, Oct. 7 .- One of the mos interesting statements in connection with the formation of the ill-fated United States Shipbuilding Company, told by D. Leroy Dresser, in legal proceedings today, was that after a pool of two nundred thousand preferred and two hundred and fifty thousand common stock had been placed in the hands of Harris, Gates & Co., it was agreed that none of this stock could be marketed until twen ty-five thousand preferred and twentyfive thousand common, owned by J. P.

had first been sold. Mr. Dresser told also of his original agreement, as president of the Trust company of the Republic, to obtain the underwriting of \$5,90,000 of United States Shippoulding Company stock, how this was increased to \$4,750,000 by the failure of the French subscribers to pay up; how Mr. Schwab came to otter his Betinehem Mr. Schwab came to offer his Bethiehem works to the shipbuilding company and now J. P. Morgan & Co., then came into

Morgan & Co., and seventy-five thousand

of each kind, owned by C. M. Schwab,

the transaction.

Mr. Dresser, who took the stand at the opening of the hearing, testified that he

opening of the hearing, testified that he had no written statement as to the values of the plants in the company, when he undertook the underwriting, but that Lewis Nixon and John W. Young had made oral representations.

The Mercantile frust Company, he was told by Colonel McCook, secured the rest of the underwriting, principally in France. The Trust Company of the Republic, Mr. Dresser said, had framed the prospectus of June, 1902, offering the bonds to the public, the trust company taking the information contained in it from the firm of Alexander & Green, counsel, and Riddell & Common, accountants, without investigating any of the

counsel, and Riddell & Common, accountants, without investigating any of the statements made by them.

The purchase of the Bethlehem steel works for the shipbuilding company as then discussed, Mr. Dresser stating that the overtures for the sale of the steel company had been made by Charles M. Schwab, who said he owned nearly all the stock of the Bethlehem Steel Company, and that, because of its armornaking capacity, he believed the company would do better with the shipbuilding than with the United States Steel Corporation. Mr. Schwab, according to Mr. Dresser, said he wanted \$9,000,000 cash for his stock and submitted reports which for his stock and submitted reports which showed that it cost him more than \$7,-000,000 and was earning \$1,450,000 a year. HAD NO CASH.

"We told him we could not trade on a we had no cash, and he said he would take \$10,000,000 in bonds at 90 for the \$9,000,000. This was agreed to, the arrangement also providing that he was to receive with the bonds a stock bonus of \$9,000,000, each of the common and preferred stock of the United States Shipbuilding Company, Mr. Schwab stating.

## THE WARD TO BE NAMED FOR HENRY

#### Ordinance Committee Makes but Few Changes in the Original Plan.

The Committee on Charter, Ordinances and Reform met last night and considered the plan for redistricting the city into wards for several hours, and finally decided to recommend practically the same pina heretofore adopted, except that the new ward was named "Henry," instead of "Stuart," and the lines moved in some immaterial respects. Captain Morgan R. Mills and Councilman Phil Shen made a successful fight to have the eastern boundary of Jefferson ward made Twenty-sixth Street straight through to the river, instead of branching off into Twenty-seventh, as heretofore proposed, and there were some other

that \$2,000,000 of the stock was to go to J. P. Morgan & Co.

For the stock of the Bethlehem Company, Mr. Dresser said there was really given \$10,000,000 in bonds, \$3,000,000 in common stock and \$9,000,000 in preferred. There was some talk of pooling the stock of the shipbuilding company, he said, Mr. Schwab insisting that all the stock be held until his, and Mr. Morgan's had been put on the market.

After recess Mr. Dresser said Mr. Schwab told him he believed the shipbuilding company had a great future, and that he would be willing to put \$2,000,000 more cash into the business if neces-

more cash into the business if neces

sary.

Mr. Dresser said he believed until after the purchase of the Bethlehem stock was made, that Mr. Schwab owned all the stock. Mr. Schwab, he said obtained control of the shlpyard company by getting men on the board friendly to the Schwab interests and getting rid of these opposed to his interests.

PAPER MISSING.

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Mr. Dresser said he had heard that an important envelope containing matter needed in this suit has been missed from the files of the Trust Company of the Re to do with the abstraction of those

papers.

In cross-examination, witness said he understood that he was given authority to borrow \$4,000,000 on the credit of the Trust Company of the Republic, and that he had not been advised that it was a state of the company of t eriminal offense nor did he know it. Stocks and bonds of the shipbuilding company, he believed, were accepted as company, he believed, were accepted as security for the loans he made to put the deal through. The \$4,100,000 borrowed from the banks in which it had been deposited by Mr. Perkins, of J. P. Morgan — Company, was credited to the shipbuilding company.

At the request of counsel for the shipbuilding company, the hearing was postponed to October 13th.

#### ATLANTIC COAST LINE VOTED MAJORITY OF STOCK

(By Associated Press.)
LOUISVILLE, KY., Oct. 7.—The casting by Mr. Walters of the vote of the Atlantic Coast Line holdings was awaited with great interest on account of re-rently published stories to the effect that the slump in Louisville and Nashville was due to the Atlantic Coast Line diswas due to the Atlantic Coast Line dis-posing of a part of its Louisville and Nashville stock. These fears were set at rest when Mr. Walters voted 205,000 shares, the full amount secured from the Morgans after the Gates raid. The total number of shares represented at the meeting was 448,485.

#### BOSTOCK MAY WINTER IN RICHMOND AGAIN

Mr. J. Francis Miller, advance agent of Bostock's shows, is in the city, and while he will not say so, it is understood that he is here for the purpose of looking around for comfortable winter quarters for the animals of his chief.

Mr. Bostock himself is now in Europe, but will land here in a few weeks, and it is learned that he proposes to go into the breeding business and desires some stock farm for the purpose, near Richmond. He will also probably select Richmond as the place for wintering his animals again.

### MRS. BEN. R. TILLMAN **HURT IN RUNAWAY**

TRENTON, S. C., Oct. 7.—Late yesterday, while driving from Trenton to her home, Mrs. B. R. Tillman, wife of United States Senator B. R. Tillman, and her son, were thrown from the bugsy by the horse running away. Mrs. Tillman and her son both sustained severe gashes on their faces, but physicians state that their injuries are not serious.

#### CABINET MEMBERS TO GO ELECTIONEERING

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, D. C., Oct. 7.—Several members of the Cabhet, including Secretaries Shaw, Moody and Wilson, will participate in the campaigns progressing in the several States. Secretary Shaw leave to-morrow night for Ohio, where he will speak in many cities. He will go to Kentucky for three days. Secretary Wilson also will take part in the Iowa campaign during the latter part of this month.

### NO COADJUTOR BISHOP WAS NOMINATED

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
GOLDSBORO, N. C., October 7.—After
being in session here all of yesterday,
the Council of the East Carolina Diocese
adjourned at 12:10 this morning without
nominating a bishop coadjutor, for which purpose the Council was called.

## FREAK OF FLOOD PROVES A BLESSING

#### High Water in Lake Union Breaks Through Retaining Wall--Work Helped.

(By Associated Press.)

SEATTLE, WASH., October 7.—The high water in Lake Union at 6 o'clock this evening burst through the dam's retaining walls at the sides of the first gates at the head of the government ca-

gates at the head of the government canal. The gates are still standing, but the flood has eaten a big channel around the lock. News from Fremont indicates that while the damage to the work the government had already done will be great, it is a fact that the flood of water is doing more to finish and deepen the canal than the government could do in five years. There is no prospect of damage to other than government property, except the possible shut-down of Lake Union mills until new dams can be built at the head of the canal. People of Ballard and Fremont are jubliant over the good work accomplished by what under other circumstances would have been a destroying agent.

#### MINORITY ELEMENT LEFT OUT IN THE COLD

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
NORFOLK, VA., Oct. 7.—The City Exceutive Committee held a stormy session to-night and rode rough shod over the anti-administration element, refusing to instruct the Electoral Board to allow the minority element representation at the polls.

# HER DEATH IS SUDDEN AND TRAGIC

Mrs. Chiswell Langhorne Expires in Lynchburg.

### TAKEN ILL ON WAY TO THE HORSE SHOW

Was About to Enter Building When She Was Stricken.

#### HER CONSCIOUSNESS NEVER RETURNED

Borne to the Home of Her Sister, Mrs John H. Lewis-She Expired With Hardly a Gasp-The Occur-

rence Cast a Shadow Over the Entire

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) LYNCHBURG, VA., October 7.-A shadw was cast over the Horse Show this evening by a report that spread rapidly through the building that Mrs. Chiswell Dabney Langhorne had died suddenly while just about to enter the grounds. The report proved to be only too true.

Mrs. Langhorne and her husband, ac-Mrs. Langhorne and her husband, accompanied by Mr. Langhorne's sister, Mrs. John H. Lewis, left Mrs. Lewis home shortly before 8 o'clock for the purpose of going out to the Horse Show. They rode in a carriage, and on reaching the grounds the party got out of the carriage and started towards the building, the entrance of which was about a hundred and twenty-five yards away. They had gone but half the distance when Mrs. Langhorne remarked that she was feeling very queer. Her husband and Mrs. Lewis took her by the arms and attempted to give her support, but in a mo-Mrs. Lewis took her by the arms and attempted to give her support, but in a moment she had slipped down between them in what was seemingly a dead faint. Mr. Langhorne placed his overcont on the ground, and on this Mrs. Langhorne was laid. Several persons who were near at hand ran forward to lend assistance, while others hastend to secure the services of a physician in a short time vices of a physician. In a short time

while others histened to secure the services of a physician. In a short time Dr. George M. Preston reached Mrs. Langhorn'e side, and after making an examination he stated that the best thing that could be done was to take Mrs. Langhorne home as speedily as possible. DID NOT REGAIN CONSCIOUSNESS It was apparent to those who helped to place Mrs. Langhorne in a carriage that her condition was most alarming, and they were convinced that she would hardly live to reach home. She remained entirely unconscious, and the last sign of life that she showed was a slight gasping for breath as she was being borne up the stairway at the home of Mrs. John H. Lewis, on Court Street.

She died before she reached the room, from which less than an hour before she had gone in apparently the best of health and spirits.

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Mrs. Langhorne was Miss Nannie Witcher Keen, daughter of the late Colonel Elisha Keen, of Pittsylvania county, a noted Confederate officer, and at one time a prominent member of the State Senate. It was in the latter part of the war that Mr, and Mrs. Langhorne were married, Mrs. Langhorne heing at the time only sixteen years of age. For several years of her married life she was a resident of Lynchburg, but the greater part of the time since the war was passed by her in Richmond, where she was widely known and highly esteemed. In Lynchburg, and, indeed, in every place in which she ever made her home, she won the affectionate regard and admiration of all with whom she came in contact, for she was a woman of lovely character, gentle, kindly disposition and bright and engaging manners. The announcement of her sudden death will carry sorrow to the hearts and homes of

bright and engaging manners. The announcement of her sudden death will
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the hundreds who knew and loved her
and who regarded her as a sincere friend.
WILL BE BURIED HERE.
Before she left for the Horse Show
last night she seemed to those about her
to be more beautiful, happier and more
cheerful than ever, and no one who
could have seen her would have dreamed
that her life was drawing so near to
its close.

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Mrs. Langhorne was a devoted member of the Episcopal Church.
Besides her husband Mrs. Langhorne is survived by the following children: Mrs. T. Moneure Perkins, of Richmond; Mrs. Charles Dana Gibson, of New York; Mrs. Reginald Brooks, of New York; Mrs. Rannie Langhorne Shaw and Miss Nora L. Langhorne; Mr. E. Keen Langhorne, Mr. Harry Langhorne and Mr. William H. Langhorne.
While no arrangements have yet been made for the funeral, it is stated that the remains will be taken to Richmond for interment.

## CRANK IN THE WHITE HOUSE SENT TO INSANE ASYLUM

of Norwich, Conn., who evidently is a mechanic, about thirty-four years old, intered the White House soon after the doors were opened this morning. The officials thought from his actions that he was a crack and arrested him. He was not armed and made no resistance when placed under arrest. He was turned over to the police. Decker was examined later in the day, pronounced insane, and was removed to the gov-ernment insane asylum.

Said He was Going Away

(By Associated Press.)
NORWICH, CONN., Oct. 7.-John\*
Decker, who is supposed to be the man

LICKLITER

under arrest in Washington, has been WASHINGTON, Oct. 7 .- John Decker, employed for the last two years at the He has a brother Henry, who also work in the factory. John is unmarried.

At the office of the factory it was said tha John Decker came here yeserday morning dressed in his Sunday clothes and announced that he wanted to give up was paid off and left. As far as can be learned he said nothing about where he was going. The manager of the Thame Arms Company says that while Decker was peculiar and was not considered particularly bright mentally, he never showe

## A DUCKING IN POTOMAC INDICTED

The Accused Slayer of A. L. Isbell Sent to Grand Jury.

#### IS ONLY CIRCUMSTANTIAL

A Number of Witnesses Introduced and Testimony Considered Sufficient to Justify the Holding of the Young Man for Trial.

CHARLESTON, KANAWHA COUNTY, W. VA., Oct. 7.—Frank B. Lichliter, aged of Staunton, Va., charged with the murder of A. L. Isbell, of Atlee, Va., whose body was found in a car of waternelons shipped to this city on September 4th last, was arraigned to-day before Magistrate Cottrell.

A number of witnesses were introduced by the State.

CIRCUMSTANTIAL.

All of the evidence was cumstantial, but the magistrate considered it of sufficient importance to justify him in holding Lichliter for the meeting of the grand jury in Novem-

The murder is supposed to have oc curred at Handley, W. Va., twenty miles east of this city.

Isbell was last seen alive at this place. and Lichliter was with him at the time. The car of melons of which Isbell was in charge was shipped to this city September 4th, and remained in the yards four days before the dead body was discovered in the car.

DEFENDED BY UNCLE Lichliter was arrested at Staunton, Va., a few days later, charged with the crime, He was represented at the preliminary by Attorneys Curry, of Staunton, and Lichliter, of Washington. The latter is his uncle.

his uncle.

At the conclusion of the bearing, the young prisoner was removed to fall to await the meeting of the grand jury. Thagaged mother of the prisoner was present in the court room and appears very much effected.

#### LABOR OFFICIALS FINED FOR ALLEGED TRESPASS

(By Associated Press.) KNOXVILLE, TENN., Oc. 7 .- For 410ation of an injunction restraining United Mine Workers' officials from trespassing on the property of the Tennicesee Control at Briceville, Tenn., Chancellor Kyle, at Clinton, Tenn., to-day fined and sentenced the following officials: F. Rice, national organizer, who came from Jowa, fined \$400 and sentenced to ninety days in jail; Robert Vaughm, \$500 and seventy days in jail; J. H. Saylors, \$100 and twenty days in jail; — Andrews, fined \$50 and ten days in jail; — Andrews, fined \$50 and ten days. The defendants appealed to the Supreme Court and made bond.

## DEATH OF AGED AND UNKNOWN MAN

#### Stranger Found III on the Street and Soon After Passed Away.

While no arrangements have yet been made for the funeral, it is stated that the remains will be taken to Richmond for interment.

ARRESTED FOR ROBBERY WHILE WITH SWEETHEART

WINCHESTER, VA., Oct. 7.— 5. S. Sneeden, a native of Wilmington, N. C., who has been traveling for the installment house of J. 7 all here charged with a college of the strength of the college of the strength of the workers and pummelled them with the college of money.

WARM CRITICISM OF

NEWPORT NEWS COUNCIL

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

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Flying Machine Refused Positively to Make Flight.

### SOARED DOWN TO WATER

s a Complete Wreck, and Official Statement Admits that Experiment is a Complete Failure-Professor Manley Gets Very Wet.

WIDEWATER, VA., Oct. 7 .- The 60foot steel-built flying machine, the climax of years of exhaustive study in efforts of Professor Samuel P. Langley, secretary of the Smithsonian Institution in mid-air, was launched to-day, and the experiment, carefully planned and delayed for months, proved a complete failure. The immense airship sped rapidly along its 70-foot track, was carried by its own momentum for 100 yards, and by its own momentum for 100 yards, and then fell gradually into the Potomac River, whence it emerged a total wreck. Professor Charles M. Manley, who has been Professor Langley's chief assistant in the work preliminary to the attempted flight, made the ascent in the aerodrome, and escaped with a ducking. At no time was there any semblance of flight, the initial momentum, the lightness of the macrine and the sustaining surface of the wings furnishing the conditions which account for the 100-yard transit of the air bird from the 60-foot clevation to the water. An official statement made after the test ad-

mitted that the experiment was unsu-

ultimate success of the invention.

The launching took place at 12:45 this afternoon from the superstructure of the house-boat moored in the Potoma River, two miles from this place. Secre tary Langley did not witness the failure of his machine to-day, but remained in Washington, where he awaited the re MACHINE FLOATED,

When all was ready Professor Manley ook his place in the navigator's car, which was situated close to the gas the motor, Professor Manley started the motor, which worked well, the revo-lutions reaching 1,200 per minute. The big machine moved easily along the 70-foot track in the launching apparatus, and took the air fairly well. A five-mile breeze was blowing and for a moment big machine moved easily along the 70foot track in the launching apparatus,
and took the air fairly well. A five-mile
breeze was blowing, and for a moment
the machine stood up well, but its failure was immediately apparent. It turned
gradually downward. The declination
was so positive that Professor Manley
saw at a glance that but fow movement
of the second hand of the stop-watch
lie were on his left knee would be recorded before both he and the scientific
ship would be floundering in the waters
of the Potomac. Just before the machine struck the water ne shut off his
motor, which had worked admirably at
the outset. The machine disappeared
beneath the waves, but only momentarily. The five conical-shaped floats
which had been distributed about the
machine to prevent its sinking performed
their functions and the machine soon
appeared above the water.

It was a moment of grave anxiety for

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## GIRL STRIKERS FIGHT WITH OTHERS

### Rag Sorters Practice Their Profession on Clothes of Those Who Took their Jobs

# **SAUNDERS** AND DIGGS CLASHED

PRICE TWO CENTS.

The Lie is Passed in Committee Meeting.

### THE LEE-MARTIN FIGHT RECALLED

Mr. Diggs Explains How He Voted at That Time

#### ASSOCIATION OF **ELECTION OFFICERS**

Mr. Diggs Says Mr. Saunders Offered to Secure Him a Seat Thereby In the Constitutional Convention if He Would Put Up \$250. Mr. Saunders Says the Statement is False.

The feature of the meeting of the Committee of Municipal Investigation at the City Hall yesterday afternoon was the colloquy between Messrs, Isaac Diggs and Clyde W. Saunders, the former testifying that the latter had tried to induce him offering him the inducement of political influence to elect him. Mr. Saunders bithe had no political organization. Mr. Diggs made a counter statement in which proached him on the subject, and finally the episode passed off, no blows being

The other witnesses were Messrs, W. H. Zimmerman, Herman Stein and J. Gar-

Nothing stattling was developed at the hearing, and the committee decided to meet again on to-morrow night at 8 o'clock. The committee was called to order at 1:05 P. M. by Chairman John B. Minor,

and a quorum of the members answered to their names, Mr. Isaac Diggs was the first witness sworn. He testified that he was a citizen of Richmond since 1899, from King William and Hanover at time.

While a member of the Committee on Countles, Cities and Towns and its chairman, he was urged by Mr. Clyde W. Saunders to be a candidate for the Constitutional Convention from Rich-

was an organization in Richmond com-posed of the election officers of Richmond, about 300 in number, which, if put ha-hind witness he could be elected. The hind witness he could be elected. The fee named to get the support of the organization was \$250, which Mr. Saunders told witness would insure his nomination for the convention.

Mr. Diggs, examined by Mr. Minor, said that the impression made upon his mind was that if Mr. Saunders had such an organization he could do what he said, and further that his offer was a corrupt one.

MR. POLLARD. Mr. John Garland Pollard was next sworn and he testified substantially in corroboration of what Mr. Diggs had

that Mr. Diggs had repeated the conversation to witness.

Mr. Clyde W. Saunders was sworn and denied that he had told Mr. Diggs he had any political organization in the city.
He denounced the statement of Mr.

said the witness, in answer to a ques tion by Mr. Pollard, as to whether Mr. Diggs had been promised conditional support of the witness. He said he would not have supported a man who had been repudiated by his people. When asked what he meant, he said he understood Mr. Diggs had promised to support General Lee for United States Senator and had supported Mr. Martin. Witness de-nied that he had ever received a dime from any candidate for office though he had distributed money for Mr. Swan-

son in 1901. Mr. Diggs resumed the stand and said he had not appeared of his own accord, but he desired to reiterate all he had formerly said, despite Mr. Saunders' de-

HOW HE VOTED. Witness now told that he cast three votes for General Lee in the caucus and on the other three ballots he did not vote.

witness now told that he caucus and on the other three ballots he did not vote. He was sorry, he had not voted on all ballots and was sorry he had not voted on all ballots and was sorry he had not always voted for Senator Martin.

He stated that he had never been repudlated by his people and had been several times re-elected.

Here Mr. Diggs and Mr. Saunders engaged in a colloquy as to when Mr. Diggs was asked to support Mr. Saunders and when Mr. Diggs left the stand, Mr. Saunders retterated that he had told the whole truth about the matter.

Alderman W. H. Zimmerman testified that he had visited Mr. Stein and asked that the latter had agreed to the proposition. He thought Mr. Stein was an honest man and he had no reason now to change his mind.

Councliman Stein swore that he had always been a Traction advocate and that though he had been offered \$1,000 in gold, he would have voted the way he did, because he thought the people wanted the Traction Company to go on Main Street.

MR. ROBERTSON ON.

Mr. John C. Robertson, of Manchester, was now put on and examined by Charman Minor. He said he knew of the spending of no mency in any franchise fights in Richmond.

There had been rumors in the air, but the witness could not speak of them of his own knowledge.

Witness talk how in the organization of